



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

2012 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

AS ENACTED

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION promoting, as a public policy goal of the
2 Commonwealth, enhanced opportunities for outdoor activity for Kentucky's children.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky is blessed with an abundance of natural resources for
4 recreation, enjoyment, and the physical, emotional, and education health of its citizens;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Kentucky's children are becoming less connected with the natural
7 world around them; and

8 WHEREAS, numerous studies show that there are considerable health-related,
9 physical, emotional, and educational benefits to playing, exploring, and experiencing
10 Kentucky's outdoor environment; and

11 WHEREAS, a National No Child Left Inside movement encourages children to
12 reconnect with nature and its outdoor wonders; and

13 WHEREAS, a non-profit organization named kidsGROWkentucky, Inc. is
14 supported by conservation, health, environmental, and educational professionals, parents,
15 and outdoor recreation and soft adventure outfitters, and is committed to getting
16 Kentucky's kids outdoors; and

17 WHEREAS, outdoor experience is critical to the physical, emotional, and
18 intellectual development of Kentucky's next generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, and
19 citizens;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
22 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

23 ➔Section 1. Increasing outdoor participation of Kentucky's children and young
24 adults is a public policy goal of the Commonwealth. Public institutions in the
25 Commonwealth serving children and young adults are encouraged to offer, promote, and
26 encourage free play opportunities, outdoor experiences, and field trips to natural areas and
27 venues that provide right-brain learning which stimulates creativity and innovation.

1 ➔Section 2. It is hereby declared the sentiment of the General Assembly that
2 children in Kentucky, as a part of their childhood development, are encouraged to:

3 (a) Fish, swim, paddle, ski, wade, splash, or otherwise enjoy a Kentucky stream,
4 creek, river, or lake;

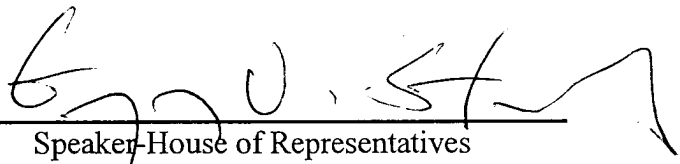
5 (b) Hike, hunt, bird watch, view elk and other wildlife, and explore Kentucky's
6 natural wilderness areas, parks, trails, woods, natural habitats, farms, and agritourism
7 establishments;

8 (c) Bike in safe areas and routes to schools, recreation and park areas,
9 neighborhood stores, and shops;

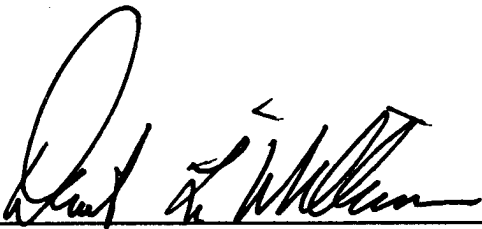
10 (d) Enjoy kid-friendly parks;

11 (e) Attend school activities, extracurricular events, and free play opportunities
12 that inspire and hopefully instill a culture of learning that develop balanced right-brain
13 and left-brain learning and that promote the concepts of No Child Left Inside; and

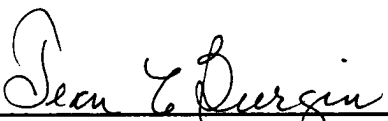
14 (f) Assist, advise, and promote access to outdoor areas and opportunities.



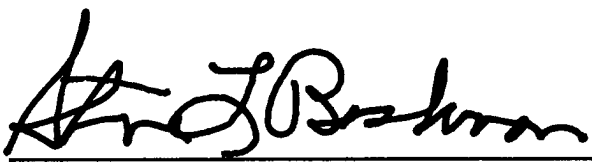
Speaker House of Representatives



President of Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

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